

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on January 11, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. John L. Holden (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dan Harrington (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Grace, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HJR 2 (1/5/99), Discussion only

HB 82 (1/4/99)

HB 137 (1/5/95)

Executive Action: None.

The meeting opened with a discussion on the procedure to be used during consideration of HJR 2, Revenue Estimating Resolution, **{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0}**

**Clayton Schenk, Director, Legislative Fiscal Division**, addressed the Revenue Oversight Committee's revenue estimate recommendations for the fiscal period 1999, 2000, and 2001. The Legislative Fiscal Division also presented a historical comparison of actual revenue versus the estimates.

**EXHIBIT(tah07a01)**

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**Terry Johnson, Legislative Services Division**, discussed General Fund Revenue Estimate Comparisons. **EXHIBIT(tah07a02)**

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Questions from Committee Members:

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**Clayton Schenk**, closing statement.

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**Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue**, provided additional information to the Committee relative to reappraisal.

**EXHIBIT(tah07a03)**

Ms. Cooney also issued an invitation for Committee Members to view a live demonstration of the BEVS, CAMUS, and MODS systems in place at the Department of Revenue. **EXHIBIT(tah07a04)**

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**HEARING ON HB 82**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**Rep. Hal Harper, HD 52**, opened the hearing on HB 82. He said the bill was requested by the State Tax Appeal Board and would simplify the system.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Pat McKelvey, Chairman, State Tax Appeal Board. **EXHIBIT**(tah07a05)  
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Dave Woodgerd, Chief Counsel, DOR.  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.9}

Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice.  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.6}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
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Closing

Rep. Harper closed the hearing.  
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HEARING ON HB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Sheil Anderson, HD 5, opened the hearing. He said it would provide taxpayers with a method for mediation on independent (non-property tax) appeals.  
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Proponents:

Dave Woodgerd, Chief Counsel, Department of Revenue.  
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Pat McKelvey, Chairman, State Tax Appeal Board.  
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Opponents: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
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Closing by Sponsor:

**Rep. Anderson** closed the hearing.

**Mary Costa, Department of Revenue**, provided information which answered questions previously asked by Committee Members.

**EXHIBIT**(tah07a06)

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Adjourned.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (tah07aad)